

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A system for use in a wellbore, comprising:
an insertion guide disposed within an open-hole section of a formation, the insertion guide being radially expanded at least partially against the formation; and
a completion component deployed within the insertion guide, the completion component having an outside diameter substantially close in size to an inside diameter of the insertion guide when the insertion guide is radially expanded.

2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component is removably deployed.

3. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising an axial flow inhibitor to limit axial flow of a fluid between the completion component and the insertion guide.

4. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the axial flow inhibitor comprises a labyrinth.

5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 3, wherein the insertion guide comprises a plurality of radial openings to permit generally radial fluid flow therethrough.

6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one seal member disposed circumferentially about an exterior of the insertion guide to inhibit axial fluid flow.

7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one seal member comprises a plurality of rings extending radially outwardly from the exterior of the insertion guide.

8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one seal member comprises a swelling material.

9. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component comprises a completion tubular.

10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component comprises a sand screen.

11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component comprises a liner.

12. (Original) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the liner comprises a slotted liner.

13. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a signal carrier.

14. (Original) The system as recited in claim 13, further comprising a sensor coupled to the signal carrier.

15. (Original) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the signal carrier is coupled to the insertion guide.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the signal carrier is coupled to the completion component.

17. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the insertion guide comprises a solid-walled section disposed within a wellbore and outside of a production fluid reservoir.

18. (Currently amended) A method of utilizing a wellbore disposed within a formation, comprising:

deploying an insertion guide within ~~with~~ the wellbore in a contracted state;

arranging axial flow inhibitors between the insertion guide and the wellbore, the axial flow inhibitors creating a plurality of compartments to direct generally radial flow of fluid into an interior of the insertion guide;

expanding the insertion guide at a desired location within the wellbore to reduce annular space between the insertion guide and the formation; and

inserting a completion into the insertion guide.

19. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein expanding comprises forcing the ~~final~~ completion into the insertion guide.

20. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein expanding comprises moving an expansion tool through the insertion guide prior to inserting the ~~final~~ completion.

21. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein arranging comprises further comprising inhibiting axial flow of fluid along the insertion guide via at least three sealing rings.

22. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising wherein inhibiting axial flow ~~comprises inhibiting axial~~ flow of fluid between the insertion guide and the ~~final~~ completion.

23. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of fluid between the insertion guide and the formation via an arrangement of swelling materials.

24. (Original) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein deploying comprises locating the insertion guide in a lateral wellbore.

25. (Original) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein inserting comprises inserting a sand screen.

26. (Original) The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising coupling a signal carrier to at least one of the insertion guide and the completion.

27. (Currently amended) A method of utilizing a wellbore disposed within a formation, comprising:

locating an insertion guide at an open-hole region of the wellbore;
expanding the insertion guide to reduce annular space surrounding the insertion guide; and
utilizing a completion within the insertion guide during production of a fluid from the formation.

28. (Original) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating the insertion guide at a lateral region of the wellbore.

29. (Original) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating the insertion guide at a vertical region of the wellbore.

30. (Original) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating an insertion guide, having a plurality of flow-through passages, within a production fluid reservoir.

31. (Original) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating a solid-walled insertion guide within a formation.

32. (Original) The method as recited in claim 27, further comprising inhibiting axial flow of fluid along the insertion guide.

33. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of fluid between the insertion guide and the ~~final~~ completion.

34. (Original) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of fluid between the insertion guide and the formation.

35. (Original) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein expanding comprises expanding the insertion guide against the formation.

36. (Currently amended) A system of utilizing a wellbore disposed within a formation, comprising:

means for unrolling an extended section of deploying an insertion guide into with the wellbore in a contracted state;

means for expanding the insertion guide at a desired location within the wellbore to reduce annular space between the insertion guide and the formation; and

means for introducing a completion into the insertion guide.